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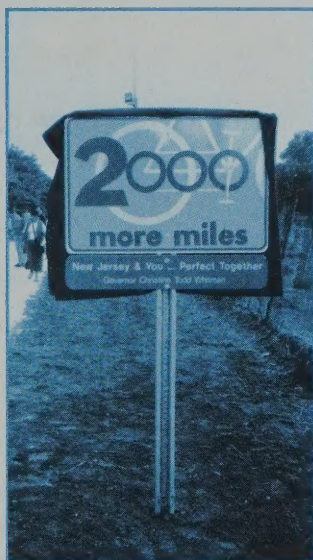
Bicycle / Pedestrian Vision Newsletter

Governor Christine Todd Whitman • Commissioner James Weinstein

'2,000 more miles' begins in Burlington

Governor Christine Todd Whitman unveiled the first of the new "2,000 more miles" bike signs in Pemberton, Burlington County this summer. They mark progress in her commitment to bicyclists over the next 10 years. Pemberton's three-mile bicyclist-pedestrian path is a joint venture with the township, borough and Rotary Club.

The "rails to trails" project runs through the municipalities and Fort Dix along the former Penn Central rail line that was removed in 1984. The trail may eventually serve as a nucleus of an east/west trail across the state. NJDOT's regional maintenance crews used asphalt recycled from road millings on a trail cleared by the Rotary Club.



NJDOT backs five pedestrian projects

Pedestrians at five intersections in Newark and Irvington received the latest benefits of the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) commitment to pedestrian safety. NJDOT helped the two cities apply for funds to construct pedestrian facilities at Broad and Market Streets, Bloomfield and Mount Prospect Avenues, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Spruce Street in Newark; and Springfield and Clinton Avenues and Grove Street and Springfield Avenues in Irvington.

Pedestrians at the Irvington intersections will also benefit from the revitalization of the Irvington Terminal, a part of NJ TRANSIT's Model Stations and Shelters program. NJDOT and NJ TRANSIT are aggressively advancing their parts of this project.

The five intersections were recommended in a pilot pedestrian safety study commissioned by NJDOT. The Technical Advisory Committee for the study included representatives of New Jersey's three Metropolitan Planning Organizations, State Division of Highway Traffic Safety, the American Automobile Association Club of New Jersey, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Tri-State Transportation Campaign.

NJDOT to announce grants this fall

\$11.4 million for bicycle and pedestrian safety

This fall, NJDOT's Division of Local Government Services and Economic Development will announce \$6.7 million in grants for bicycle projects and \$4.7 million for pedestrian projects. The Department received **99** applications for bicycle projects and **213** applications for pedestrian projects in response to the letter of solicitation mailed in April. The Commissioner of Transportation will notify award recipients in late fall.

Selected projects will be funded by a separate Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) program created to finance locally initiated bicycle/pedestrian improvements.

Enhancement grants to be OK'd in December

NJDOT received **275** Transportation Enhancement applications by the July 2 deadline. The Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee is expected to complete its screening and recommend projects by November for approval by Transportation Commissioner James Weinstein in December 1999.

First steps in '2,000 more miles' program

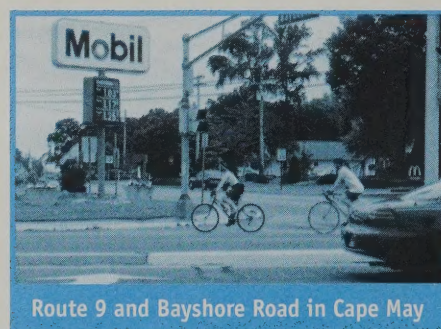
Governor Christine Todd Whitman's commitment to 2,000 more miles of bicyclist-pedestrian accommodations in the coming 10 years is well under way. Like Rome, they will not be built in a day. Here's a report of bicycle projects being tracked*:

TYPE	MILES	EXAMPLE
Roadway/Bridges	40	'99 Capital Program incidental, independent improvements, e.g. Sussex Branch trail bridges
Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park	12	"Gaps," e.g. trail bridge over Route 1
Concept Development Studies	120	Independent improvements initiated by NJDOT, e.g. Route 94 (0-27.7)
Transportation Enhancements	32	Federal funds for nontraditional transportation projects
National Recreational Trail System (NJDEP)	23	Federal funds for multi-use trails selected by Trail Council, e.g. Pemberton Trail
Local initiatives 39 towns	60	FY '99 Trust Fund \$7.9 million, various trails and bike compatible road improvements

* Pedestrian initiatives are not included here.

Commissioner convenes NJ Bicycle Advisory Council

Transportation Commissioner James Weinstein convened the NJ Bicycle Advisory Council in September. The Council, a recommendation of the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, is composed of representatives of the bicycling community and the public agencies and organizations that will guide the implementation of the elements of the plan.



Invited representatives included Sue MacNamara, Bicycle Coalition of the Delaware Valley; Arthur Wrubel, Bicycle Touring Club of North Jersey; John Waltz, Bike New Jersey; Mike and Anne Krumer, Central Jersey Bike Club; Tom Henskens,

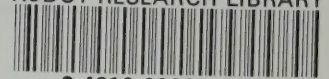
Cross County Connections TMA; Helene Moulter, Keep Middlesex Moving TMA; John Orcutt, League of American Bicyclists; Greg Meyers, Tri-State Campaign; Arthur Schalick, South Jersey Wheelman; Michael Dannemiller, Barbara Keaner and Tim Schlitzer, unaffiliated citizens.

Agencies who will participate are the Governor's Office of Policy and Planning; NJDOT and NJ TRANSIT; the NJ Departments of Environmental Protection, Community Affairs, Education, Law and Public Safety; the Metropolitan Planning Organizations; the County Planners and Engineers Associations; the League of Municipalities.

In Motion reports on NJDOT's ongoing bicycle and pedestrian programs as well as our progress in achieving Governor Whitman's New Jersey FIRST bicycle and pedestrian initiatives. The Governor's commitment to improving pedestrian safety and to add "2,000 more miles" of bicycle accommodations over the next 10 years is being addressed in a variety of ways.

For more information or to submit ideas for this newsletter, please call: Bill Feldman, NJDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate at 609-530-8062 or Rose Ann Scotti, Executive Staff Associate, 609-530-4284.

Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration.



Planning updates

NJDOT is currently providing bicyclist/pedestrian planning assistance to:

Beverly*	Lambertville
Burlington City*	Mansfield*
Burlington Township*	Morris County
Cinnaminson*	Palmyra*
Delanco*	Riverside*
Delran*	Riverton*
Edgewater Park*	Rutherford (Transit Village)
Fair Lawn	Trenton*
Florence*	Wanaque
Hamilton*	Westfield
Jersey City	

*Delaware River Heritage Trail

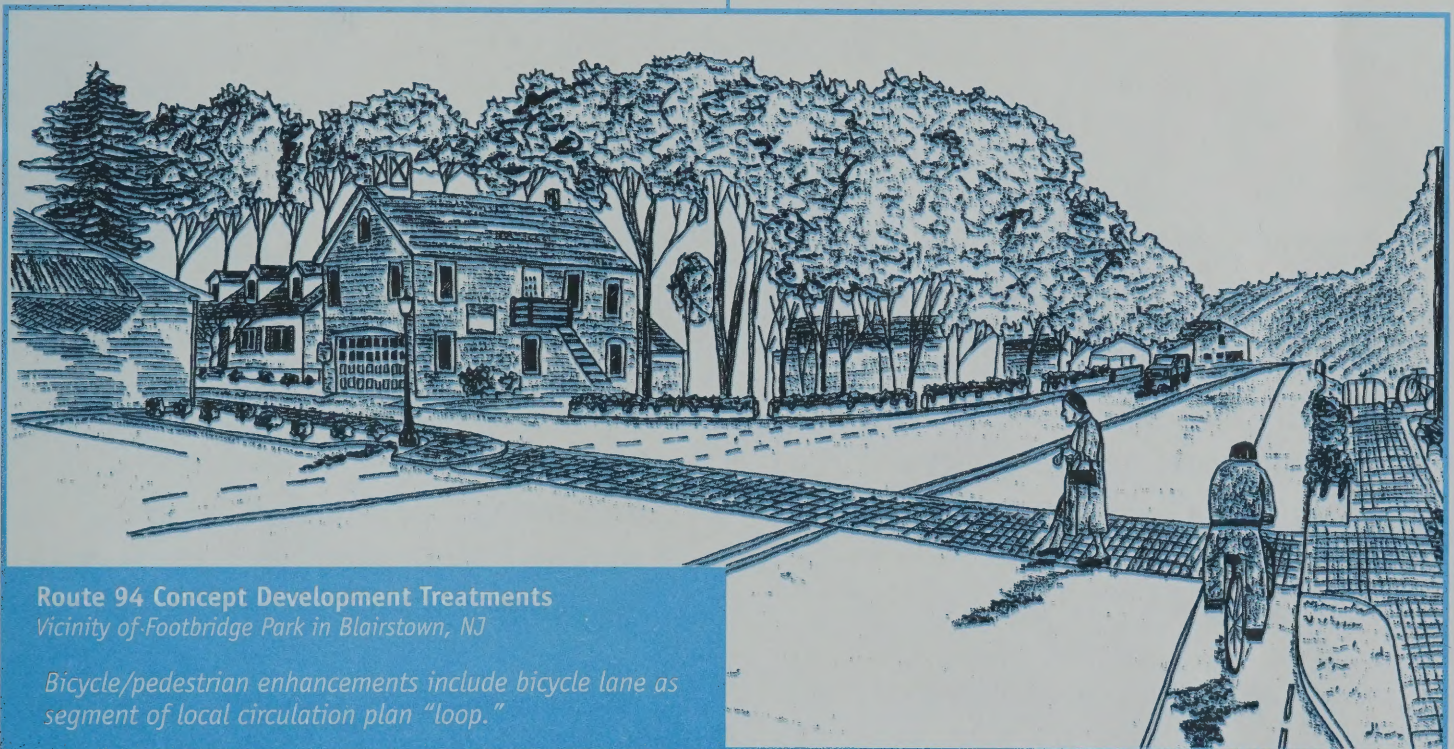
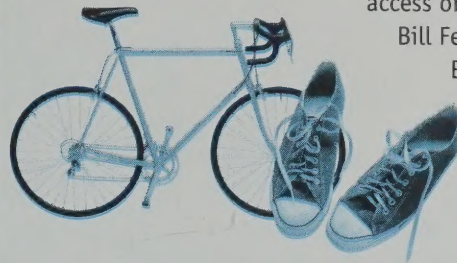
Planning studies will begin soon in:

Bound Brook	Ridgefield
Oxford	Roselle

Increased demand requires consultants

NJDOT is hiring several consultant teams to meet the increased demand for providing planning services to local communities. The demand is the result of the Department's aggressive goal of incorporating bicyclist and pedestrian planning into all of its programs and procedures. Communities applying for planning assistance are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

For information about the Local Bicyclist/Pedestrian Planning Assistance Program call Rose Ann Scotti at (609) 530-4284. If you have a particular bicyclist/pedestrian access or safety concern call Bill Feldman, NJDOT Bicyclist/Pedestrian Advocate at (609) 530-8062.



Route 94 Concept Development Treatments
Vicinity of-Footbridge Park in Blairstown, NJ

Bicycle/pedestrian enhancements include bicycle lane as segment of local circulation plan "loop."

NJDOT presents communities with safety concept proposals

Staff from NJDOT's Office of Community Relations (OCR) presented safety concept proposals to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists to officials in **Knowlton, Frelinghuysen, Fredon, Hampton, Lafayette, Newton and Blairstown (Route 94), Bernardsville, Bedminster and Far Hills (Route 202), Salem, Bridgeton, Pennsville, Quinton, Millville, Shiloh (Route 49),**

and Lower Township (Route 9).

OCR will gather this community input for inclusion in the final design work. After the local governing body reviews the final design, it must send the Department a resolution of support for it to go to NJDOT's Capital Programming Committee as a future budget item.

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Rutgers sponsors pedestrian conference

The Rutgers Transportation Policy Institute is sponsoring a statewide pedestrian conference designed to explore a wide range of issues facing the implementation of safe and efficient pedestrian facilities. Bill Feldman, NJDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate, will highlight NJDOT's pedestrian project development, one of Governor Whitman's NJ FIRST initiatives.

The conference will be held on Friday, October 15, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. **For information and registration, call Petra Staats at (732) 932-6812, ext. 874.**

November 16

League of Municipalities Workshop

"Augmenting Your Municipal Tax Dollar: A Blueprint for Funding Local Transportation Projects through the NJDOT"

Representatives from NJDOT's Division of Local Government Services and Economic Development will conduct a workshop at the **New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference on Tuesday, November 16 at 3:45 pm.** The purpose of the workshop is to familiarize elected municipal officials and planning board members with state and federal funding sources for local transportation-related projects and provide them with the information needed to apply for funding. Workshop participants will be guided step-by-step through the application process for public road and bridge improvement projects, as well as bicyclist/pedestrian safety projects. They will also be advised of the steps to apply for planning assistance for safety or access problems.



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